

In pursuance of the act approved February 13th 1840, I appointed James N. Har-  
and Morgan McAfee, Commissioners to con-  
tract for the clearing out the Cold-Water  
River and superintending the improvement  
thereof. Their Report and account of the  
contract with Wiley B. Cassidy, are herewith  
submitted. The price agreed to be paid for  
the work is twenty two hundred and sixty  
four dollars. The amount charged by the  
Commissioners for their services and ad-  
vances, is three hundred and sixty six dollars  
seventy-five cents. The Three Per Cent  
Fund received by the State previous to  
year 1836, is chargeable with those ex-  
penditures. The amount credited to the Fund  
in the Planters' Bank, cannot be realized, ex-  
cept in the paper of the Bank, which is now  
selling at about seventy cents to the dollar.  
The Commissioners "certify that the Con-  
tractor has fully and faithfully discharged his  
duty and is entitled to high encomiums for  
his fidelity as a public contractor." He re-  
quests me that he has lost money by the contract.  
Under these circumstances it would be man-  
ifest injustice to pay him for his labor in  
undervalued currency. I therefore suggest  
the propriety of granting him relief and au-  
thorize the Three Per Cent Fund on de-  
posit in the Planters' Bank to be withdrawn  
and paid, allowing him a discount of  
the same measure of justice to the Commission-  
ers, and permit to your consideration the  
General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, in the  
Senate Chamber,  
New York,  
the 11th of  
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I submit for your action the proceeds of the sale of Public Lands in the recent "Act on Rights" passed by the Congress of the United States, September 4th, 1841. The first section of the act allows to be paid to the State "ten per centum upon the net proceeds of the sales of the Public Lands," made within limits after the 31st of December, 1841—equal of the five per cent guaranteed by the compact entered into between the United States and this Union upon her admission into the Union. The second section provides that after certain enumerations, the residue of the net proceeds of the Public Lands of the United States, when situated, which shall be sold subsequently to the 31st of December, shall be divided among twenty-six States of the Union, and the District of Columbia, and the Territories of Wisconsin, and Florida, according to their respective free representative population, as ascertained in the last census, to be applied by the Legislature

...ance of this assignment, before such release

will be sold at Holly Springs.  
Jan 3-1-2;  
WM. SNEED, Trustee

Sec. 1, 1911-1912

Trustee. of the day. JOHN L. CHASE, Jr.  
Nov. 3, 1841--30-5m.